



Scott LaChasse  
Chief of Police

# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE**

### Overall Crime Rate Drops 5 Percent

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Police Chief Scott LaChasse reported an overall five percent drop year-to-date in Part One crimes, which include robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, and auto theft.

Chief LaChasse credits the positive downward trend and significant accomplishments to the department's committed and industrious workforce and cadre of volunteers. Officer initiated activity during this period has increased 18%, while the response times to priority one calls for service has remained consistent at 3 minutes 41 seconds.

According to LaChasse, "The department's implementation of cutting edge contemporary programs such as predictive analytics, neighborhood policing, participation in multidisciplinary task forces, and partnering with community-based service providers is serving to improve the quality of life in the City of Burbank."

There has been a 32% reduction in alcohol-related accidents and a 36% increase in alcohol related arrests during the same time period. The 41% reduction in reported graffiti is due in part to enforcement efforts, education, and community awareness.

Additionally, Chief LaChasse commended the vigilance of residents who actively report suspicious circumstances to further prevent crime.

Chief LaChasse reported that the City's reduction in crime is occurring at a time when neighboring jurisdictions are posting crime increases.

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